

COURTHOLDS MEN ON BLACKMAIL CHARGE

Bail of \$3,000 Each Required of Policemen Beach and Rone.

DUE TO VICE ACTIVITIES

Visitors From Hopewell, Va., Powder Plant Prefer Complaint.

Facing charges of blackmail arising from their activities for the suppression of vice in Washington, two suspended members of the Metropolitan Police Force were taken to the Police Court today. Their hearings were postponed until March 21. In the meantime the complainants against them were questioned by District Attorney Lasker.

The policemen are Guy Rone and Lindsey E. Beach, both of whom have been on the force almost ten years, and have done duty in the Sixth precinct.

Beach, who was represented in the Police Court today by Attorney Robert L. Miller, was released on a \$3,000 real estate bond furnished by Mrs. Hannah Rothwell. Attorney James A. O'Shea, who appeared for Rone, said arrangements probably would be made this afternoon to furnish bail for him. Pending the furnishing of bail Rone was held in custody at the Police Court.

Both Make Denial.

The policemen are accused of extorting \$40 from William C. Canby and William M. Wisdom, employees at the Hopewell, Va., munitions plant. The complainants allege they were required to pay the policemen \$20 each to avoid arrest for violation of the Kenyon act.

The arrests were made by Detectives Burlingame, Kelley, and others from the Central Office.

It is alleged by the complainants that the two policemen entered their room in a house near Third and C streets northwest early yesterday and accused them of violating the vice laws. Inspector Grant says the Virginians were told their crime was punishable by fines of \$100, but that "things could be squared out of court."

It is charged that the policemen promised not to arrest the Virginians if \$100 was paid.

Wisdom and Canby say they had only \$40 between them, and that this was paid to and accepted by the policemen.

The policemen deny the charge. Both of the accused reiterated today that arrests were not made because the facts did not warrant arrests, and that no money was asked or received from the Virginians.

Suspended By Pullman.

Before being taken to the Police Court today the accused bluecoats were photographed at the Bureau of Identification at Police Headquarters, and their finger prints and Bertillon measurements were taken.

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HEARINGS IN FOOD PROBE

Committee Named by Commissioners to Hold Public Sessions.

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In the meantime the committee will continue its conferences with wholesale and retail dealers, officials of the Department of Agriculture and dairy farm inspectors from whom it is obtaining information in regard to the food supplies in adjacent farming areas.

The committee is interested in plans of various organizations for the cultivation of back yards and vacant spaces. Recommendations in reference thereto were contained in its report to the Commissioners.

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INTANGIBLE DISCUSSED

Continue Hearing of Washington Gas Light Company Today.

Intangible values, which included would increase the valuations by several million dollars were considered by the Public Utilities Commission today at the hearing on the valuations of the properties of the Washington Gas Light Company.

The agreement reached by the commission and company as to cost of reproduction, excluding land, was \$9,905,944. The company urged that there be added \$2,312,210 for the cost of developing the business. Allowances for working capital and other intangibles were also requested.

Alton Miller of the firm of Humphreys and Miller, which made a valuation of the company's properties submitted the estimate. Mr. Miller testified that it would cost \$35 a customer to develop the business of the company to its present capacity.

TAKE SILVER, LEAVE GOLD.

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U-BOAT TOLL AGAIN HEAVY.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SUBURBS OF THE CAPITAL

Nine Indictments Returned By Grand Jury In Alexandria Corporation Court On Prohibition Law Charges.

ALEXANDRIA, March 7.—Nine indictments were returned by the grand jury in corporation court before Judge Louis C. Barley yesterday for alleged violations of the State prohibition laws. The parties named were James Treackle, Jack Ryan, Thomas Buckley and Arthur Welch, white, and Peter Mason, John Wabash, John Haskins, Connie Washington and William Lomax, colored. Treackle, Welch, Mason, Wabash, Haskins, Washington and Lomax entered pleas of guilty and were fined \$50 each and given sentences of thirty days in jail. The case of Ryan was set for trial on March 15, while that of Buckley was continued over to the April term. Isaiah Parris and James W. Berry, who were indicted last week for alleged violations of the prohibition law, pleaded guilty and were fined \$50 and sentenced to jail for thirty days each.

A true bill was returned against Kemp Lewis, colored, charged with shooting William Jackson, colored. Henry Johnson, colored, pleaded guilty to shooting L. S. Gross and Anna Slaughter and was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years on the first charge and one year on the second.

Judge Louis C. Barley presided over the circuit court yesterday in place of Judge J. B. Thornton, who was unable to attend. The docket was called and the cases were continued.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth degrees were conferred upon a class of six candidates by Washington Lodge of Perfection, No. 7, Scottish Rite Masons, last night.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, aged fifty-two, who died at her home in Mt. Ida Monday night, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence, the Rev. John C. Marshall, of Washington, officiating.

Ivan Marshall Green, seven years old, died this morning at the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Makiel, 708 Duke street. He was the son of the late Rev. Ivan Green.

The contest for new pupils put on by the J. R. N. Curtis Bible class of the First Baptist Church was won by the school. They obtained thirty-six, while the Reds procured twenty-eight. There were 103 in attendance at the session of the class on Sunday, which is a record for the city. The Reds are to give the blues a banquet as a penalty for losing the contest.

The Red Cross rooms at the corner of Washington and King streets were opened for work this morning. A identification at Police Headquarters, and their finger prints and Bertillon measurements were taken.

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NEWS AT HYATTSVILLE

Riverdale Citizens Seek Bond Issue for School Building.

A delegation of Riverdale citizens appeared before the county commissioners and the county board of edu-

cation at Upper Marlboro yesterday seeking a bond issue of \$20,000 for the construction of a school building. The delegation took with it the recommendation of the board of education when it appeared before the commissioners. The speakers were Dr. Clarence J. Owens, George Field, the Rev. R. W. Hand, and Mr. Buckingham. The commissioners took no action on the proposal.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church yesterday elected the following officers: President, Mrs. G. B. M. Arnold; vice president, Mrs. J. E. Metzger; secretary, Mrs. Howard D. Orr, and treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Stoddard.

The feature of the meeting of the Prince George's county branch of the Maryland Just Government League to be held in the town hall tomorrow afternoon will be an address by Miss Margaret Wintering, suffragist, of Chicago. Prof. Charles B. Temple, of the State College, also will speak.

The Farmers' Co-Operative Club of Laurel district has completed negotiations with Dr. Richard S. Hill for the purchase of an eight-acre tract of land next to Willis' School, to be used as a picnic ground and the site for the community club house.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Pinkney Memorial Episcopal Church will meet in the parish hall tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

John T. B. Sult, deputy registrar of wills, who has been confined to his home in Fortville with illness, is now able to be out.

Miss Belle Kearney, who is visiting Mrs. Ella Harts, in Riverdale, yesterday gave an informal parlor talk to a number of visitors.

The Rev. John W. Slack, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, left yesterday for Bangor, Pa., to attend the funeral of his brother.

The condition of William W. Wood, who received severe injuries when he fell out of a tree in his yard here Monday, is reported to be much improved.

NEWS AT ROCKVILLE

Tax Assessors for Different Districts of County Appointed.

Tax assessors for the different districts have been appointed by the county commissioners as follows: Laytonville, Z. M. Waters, Jr.; Clarksburg, E. D. Warfield; Poolsville, Walter W. Pyles; Rockville, Alfred Ray; Coleville, P. Hicks Ray; Darnestown, Albert J. Cissel; Bethesda, Joseph T. Whelan; Olney, Leonard Waer; Gaithersburg, John E. Claggett; Potomac, George E. Beall; Riverdale, Melvin Poole; Damascus, Noah Watkins, and Wheaton, Enoch S. Keys.

Miss Dollie Marie Miller, of Strasburg, Va., and John Whitman, of Manassas, Va., were married in Rockville yesterday afternoon by the Rev. Samuel R. White.

Miss May Lynette Redmond, of Washington, and Amos Harold Schaub, of Baltimore, were married here last week by the Rev. John H. Schooley, pastor of the Methodist Church.

The Rev. A. T. Howard, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiated at the marriage here yesterday of Miss Nellie Florence Moore, of Jackson, Ga., and George Morrison Duncan, of Washington.

NEWS AT ANACOSTIA

Citizens' Body Will Seek Railroad Stations for Suburb.

A special committee of the Anacostia Citizens' Association will try to induce the promoters of the railroad between Anacostia and Newport News to locate their freight and passenger stations here. It is understood that work on the road will be begun soon.

The Ladies' Guild of Emmanuel Church met yesterday afternoon in the parish hall in V street with Mrs. F. S. Glicker, president, in the chair.

A fire in the chimney at the home of James Bowline, on Alabama avenue, near the Walker road, yesterday, necessitated calling out the fire apparatus. The blaze was caused by an overheated stove.

The Anacostia Bowling League resumed activities last night, when four teams played on Scott's alleys. The Anacostia team is leading by a good margin. Eugene Lynch, president of the league, is manager of this team.

Charles Simms, colored, of 240 Sheridan road, was arrested yesterday by Policemen J. F. Regan, of the Eleventh precinct, charged with petit larceny. S. M. Fraser registered the complaint.

Mrs. B. F. Joy, of Nichols avenue, is suffering from injuries received by falling from one of the stands during the inaugural parade.

DECIDED NOT TO WED

North Carolina Couple's Marriage License Comes Back Destroyed.

A license was issued yesterday to John B. Mallard, of Lincolnton, N. C., and Marguerite C. Smyly, of Charlotte, N. C. The Rev. Titus E. Davis, a Presbyterian clergyman, who was named in the license as the one authorized to perform the ceremony, informed Kroll this morning that the young North Carolinians had not been to see him. The first mail brought to "Colonel" Kroll two pieces of the license. The main body of the document was missing.

"I'd just like to know what made that couple change their minds," mused the "colonel," as he canceled the license.

CREDIT NECESSARY TO RUN GOVERNMENT

Failure of Deficiency Appropriation Bill Sure to Embarrass Departments.

SCHOOLS NOT AFFECTED

All Institutions Authorized By Law May Conduct Affairs "On Time."

Failure of the general deficiency appropriation bill, according to an authority at the House today, is certain to embarrass practically all of the Government departments, but there is nothing in the situation to prevent the Government and the District of Columbia incurring some obligations, "on credit."

The anti-deficiency law, it was explained, does not go so far as to make necessary the closing of school buildings, the operation of which is authorized by law, or the stopping of the pay of the army and navy personnel whose employment is provided for specifically by statute. Government employees, however, who are carried in lump sum appropriations, such as the employees of the Federal Trade Commission, cannot continue to work when the lump sum fund is exhausted.

Distinction to Be Fine.

"There will be a fine distinction between what the heads of departments may and may not do," said this authority today. "The general deficiency bill carried \$4,000 for fuel, gas, electric light and power for the public schools of the District."

The conduct of the schools and the operation of school buildings is authorized by law. There is no time limit on the Commission's authority to incur incurring a deficiency to keep these buildings going. The supplies, of course, must be bought "on time" and the seller must wait a Congressional appropriation to get his money.

"The same sort of situation exists, for instance as to the army. The feeding of soldiers is authorized by law. The army heads would not get into trouble, therefore, if they fed these soldiers, even if they have no money with which to do it. It can be done on credit."

"There are many items, however, which do not come in this class, and which are clearly subject to the anti-deficiency law."

Comparison Is Drawn.

"For instance, the Federal Trade Commission and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing would not be authorized to continue employees if the lump appropriation for those particular employees became exhausted. But if the jobs of the employees are specifically carried in the law, such as clerks or assistant clerks, at so much per annum, then employees might continue on the reasonable assumption that they will get their money as soon as the general deficiency bill passes."

There is a fine distinction all along the line as to what the heads of the bureau may and may not do and what constitutes an emergency situation which can be taken care of under authority of law. The anti-deficiency law forbids voluntary services, and which are clearly subject to the law for any person whose employment is provided for by the lump sum arrangement to continue his work after the funds are exhausted.

"Undoubtedly, the situation is unusual and inconvenient. However, it is not expected that regular institutions, such as District schools, hospitals, penal institutions, and other permanent institutions of that sort will be closed for lack of fuel, food, or clothing for the inmates or users thereof."

"As an illustration, there is a fuel allowance of \$4,000 for the Fire Department. The Fire Department ought to close down rather than go into debt for \$4,000, and depend upon Congress to provide an emergency fund for something it has created by law."

DISTRICT ASKS COAL BIDS

Urgent Need for 8,000 Tons for Municipal Building.

Driven to extreme measures by the failure of the general deficiency bill, in which was included an item of \$90,000 for the purchase of coal for the schools and District government buildings, the Commissioners today advertised for 8,000 tons of coal, payment to be made when the money is appropriated by Congress.

Bids were also advertised for coal for a few institutions whose appropriations are not wholly exhausted, payment to be made two weeks from delivery. Coal is furnished the various departments under separate appropriations.

M. C. Hatgraves, purchasing officer, said today that every possible means will be adopted to avoid closing the schools. Dealers, he said, will be assured of payment upon his personal responsibility. The situation, according to the Commissioners, is due to the alleged failure of contractors to live up to contracts. Failure to deliver coal within the time specified resulted in the cancellation of a contract on December 30. The contract price was from \$3.48 to \$3.90 a ton.

Since that date the District has bought and had delivered 9,998 tons in the open market at prices ranging from \$7.25 to \$6.90 a ton. The last award, made March 1, was to the Orenda Coal Company, of Baltimore, at \$8 a ton. None of this has been delivered, the company stating that shipments can be made before Monday.

The high prices led to a deficiency which the Commissioners were certain would be included in the general bill. The failure of the bill means that the District will have to buy its coal on credit and probable at record prices.

With Cabinet officers, members of the Senate and House, the District Commissioners, and all Washington civic organizations positive in their advocacy of a change in the inaugural date, the campaign for an amendment to the Constitution fixing the inauguration on the last Thursday in April was begun in earnest today.

The frigid atmosphere of Monday, which was the only element marring the big demonstration, has served to renew the activity of the national committee on the change of inauguration day, and tomorrow afternoon the committee will put in motion a comprehensive campaign that is expected to result in the passage of a resolution at the next session of Congress deferring the inaugural ceremonies to an April date.

Personnel of Committee.

Chairman Henry B. F. Macfarland has called a meeting of the Washington members of the committee in his office in the Evans building tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The committee will devise a program of future efforts to end for all time the possibility of illness and perhaps fatalities to inaugural participants from exposure by having the date changed to April.

The committee includes chairman of past inaugurations, John J. Edson, Charles J. Bell, E. J. Stellwagen, and William Corcoran Rustis. Col. R. N. Harper, head of this year's inaugural committee, will be added to the list tomorrow. Members of the committee representing civic organizations include S. W. Woodward, John W. Foster, Theodore W. Noyes, Frank A. Munsey, Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, C. C. Glover, Thomas W. Smith, J. Henry Small, and William F. Gude.

Non-resident members are the governors of the forty-eight States and former governors to the number of seventy-five.

Chairman Macfarland today, giving reasons for the proposed change, said the Weather Bureau has compiled statistics for the past thirty years comparing March 4 weather with that of the last Thursday in April. The average temperature on March 4 was 38, while on the April date, the temperature was 57. Seventeen years the temperature on March 4 was below the freezing point, while at no time during the thirty years has there been freezing temperatures on the April date.

Another reason is that a day of the week is preferred over a date in any month, to escape Sunday, as in the inaugural this year. Sentiment suggests the selection of the last Thursday in April, as upon that day George Washington was inaugurated.

Weather Is Chief Reason.

March weather, with its chilling winds, frequent snows and, as in the beginning of the Taft Administration, a terrific blizzard, is the chief reason for selecting an April day for the ceremonies.

Chairman Macfarland points to the death of President Wilson Henry Harrison shortly after he was inaugurated as one of the principal arguments for a change. The deaths of Senator Platt of Connecticut, Senator James H. Smith of Tennessee, the Mexican ambassador, Arriola, and Judge Weldon, of the Court of Claims, all directly due to exposure in the inauguration of 1901 are also cited.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, in approving a change, suggested a May day, to escape "April showers." Speaker Clark is in favor of changing the entire system by electing the President for a term of six years and the members of the House every three years, in August. He would have the inauguration on October 1. Leaders of both Senate and House has assured the committee of support.

CLOSING IN ON BAGDAD

British Cavalry Engages Turks Near Persian Capital.

LONDON, March 7.—British troops have approached almost within range of Bagdad.

Official announcement from the Mesopotamian expedition forces today declared that on Monday British cavalry engaged a Turkish rear guard at Lajj, nine miles south of Ctesiphon.

BUREAU HEADS HARD HIT BY DEFICIENCIES

Department Chiefs Grapple Problem of Running Offices Without Funds.

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been determined. The number will not be known until the commission checks its appropriations and personnel.

Secretary Bracken, of the commission, stated today that a cut would have to be effected at once. The commission has no available money that it could draw on to keep the force intact.

In the face of this situation the commission confronts the necessity of pressing a number of investigations ordered by Congress and doing what it can on the food probe ordered by the President. A special appropriation of \$400,000 for the food probe failed of passage with the urgent deficiency bill, and the commission's funds are limited.

Recent Stand of Congress.

Executive officers of the Government generally treat the situation with resentment or amusement, and jibe the contrariness of Congress in prohibiting deficiencies under penalty, though making it imperative to create a deficiency or suspend many of the activities of Government.

Deficiencies generally it was declared were caused by high prices, or additional activities provided by Congress and not recognized within estimates for the present fiscal year.

Shortage in the salary accounts at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was caused by the additional work of the Bureau, and the necessity of putting on an extra force months ago, to meet the demands of Government for new money, for the new Treasury one and two dollar certificates.

The deficiency bill carried an item of \$50,000 for salaries of printers and assistants and wage earners other than plate printers, and an item of \$183,000 for salaries of plate printers. This is necessary to carry the force to June 30.

Supplies Very Low.

Materials and supplies at the bureau are very low, however, and in many instances are exhausted. An item of \$308,000 was carried to meet this shortage. The bureau must obtain these supplies some way or close up shop.

The Treasury Department is nearly out of stationery and needed \$50,000 to replenish the supply.

An item was carried in the deficiency bill to carry on the work of refunding internal revenue collections that were wrongfully paid into the Treasury. Refunds will have to be stopped. This will not hurt the Government, but citizens who have erroneously paid in \$75,000 in taxes not due will have to wait for their money.

Work on public buildings throughout the country will have to be stopped in many cases, unless contractors elect to carry on the work an await Congress to pay them.

Coal Supplies Low.

Coal supplies in many Government buildings throughout the country are low and appropriations exhausted because of increased prices. In many instances it will be necessary to lay off superintendents and others because of lack of money to pay salaries.

There is a shortage of something like \$10,000 in the salary account at the New York assay office.

The Treasury failed to get \$1,500,000 for the work of instituting collections of the new income and excess profits taxes provided for by Congress. These taxes are not due until the next fiscal year, but without money in advance it will be impossible to organize collection work and the necessary force.

The Coast Guard, Public Health and other humanitarian services were hit by failure of the bill.

Just what the effect upon the postal service will be has not yet been determined, but department officials are working upon ways and means of meeting the situation.

In all cases appropriations will be juggled and switched about wherever possible to meet emergencies.

RUSS CRUISER HITS MINE.

BERLIN (via Tuckerton Wireless), March 7.—The Russian armored cruiser Rurik, of 15,000 tons struck a mine in Finland bay, and was greatly damaged, the official press bureau declared today, quoting Stockholm reports.

The Russian authorities tried to conceal the disaster, the press bureau asserted. "The Rurik later was docked at Kronstadt."

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